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1. Marshal Montgomery's views on Western European defense--

According to US Embassy Brussels, Field Marshal Montgomery has informed a prominent Belgian industrialist and former Cabinet member that he could not be sure that the USSR would not attack after 1951. The Belgian source adds that Montgomery's antidote for the situation was a proposal to mobilize the manpower of West Germany and to incorporate it into Western Union and Atlantic Pact armies; Montgomery reportedly does not see how sufficient forces could be mustered otherwise to meet the Soviet divisions.

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